

MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION ASSET MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
November 6, 2002
Lansing, Michigan

Meeting noticed in accordance with Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976.

Present

Carmine Palombo, Chairman	William McEntee, Member
Thomas Wieczorek, Vice Chairman	Rick Deuell, Member
Kirk Steudle, Member	Steve Warren, Member
Aaron Hopper, Member	Charles Krupka, Executive Secretary
John Kolessar, Member	

Absent

John Elsinga, Member

Staff Present

Rick Lilly, Bureau of Transportation Planning
Ron Vibbert, Bureau of Transportation Planning
Zoe Lorca, Bureau of Transportation Planning

Chairman Palombo called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. in the Bureau of Aeronautics Auditorium, Lansing, Michigan.

Approval of Council Minutes

Vice Chairman Wieczorek moved for approval of the October 22, 2002, meeting minutes, supported by Mr. Hopper. The minutes were approved unanimously as submitted.

2003 Regular Meeting Schedule

Secretary Krupka presented a proposed meeting schedule for 2003. Concern was expressed regarding the July 2 date and its proximity to the July 4th holiday. Chairman Palombo asked if it was possible to change the dates in the future if there was a need to. Secretary Krupka responded that it would be possible to make changes but that they wanted to get the dates posted on the web site at this time. The Council approved the schedule.

Correspondence and Announcements

Secretary Krupka announced the resignation of Lou Lambert from the Council and a subsequent letter from Greg Rosine, Director of the Michigan Department of

Transportation (MDOT), addressed to the State Transportation Commission recommending that Susan Mortel be appointed to fill the position vacated by Mr. Lambert.

Chairman Palombo received a letter from John Niemela, Director, County Road Association of Michigan (CRAM), indicating that the Board of Directors of CRAM had agreed with the recommendation from John Daly that the Transportation Asset Management Council take over control of the "pilot project." Rick Lilly suggested that the Council take an official vote to accept control of this project because it had been overseen through a signed letter of understanding between MDOT and CRAM.

Vice Chairman Wieczorek moved that the Council accept oversight control of the "pilot project," supported by Mr. Warren. Mr. Warren also requested that at the December meeting a review of the pilot project be presented by staff and that the results and future of the project be included in the Council's work program. Mr. Lilly indicated that would be done. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Chairman Palombo announced that he had received a phone call from Gary Naeyaert of the Michigan Road Builders Association. Mr. Naeyaert wanted the Council to be aware of the opportunity in the law to appoint an advisory panel. Chair Palombo assured Mr. Naeyaert that the Council was aware of this, but that the Council would probably not address it until after the first of the year given the time constraints in the law.

Update on Pilot Projects

Mr. Lilly indicated that he had been unable to make contact with Dave Gillis of the Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Regional Commission (CUPPAD) and that he would have an update at the December meeting. Mr. Lilly reported that the Macomb County project was in the final stages of the initial planning and that they were anticipating getting the rating process started the first week in December. The data for Macomb County will be collected on all federal aid eligible roads.

Data Management

Ron Vibbert, MDOT's Asset Management Section Manager, gave a presentation on data management. Mr. Warren remarked that there are some metropolitan planning organizations that are now serving as central data repositories. They collect the data for the agencies in their area but they do very little analysis. The Council spent a considerable amount of discussion regarding the extent of data to collect; what to do with the data once it is collected; maintaining and updating the data; the need to identify and select a data agency; coordinating with GASB 34 requirements; and recognizing that ultimately data must be collected on the entire system.

Chairman Palombo suggested that it was time to establish working committees. Following additional discussion the following committees were established:

- Administration: Carmine Palombo and Tom Wieczorek; staff for this committee will be Charlie Krupka and Rick Lilly
- Data: Kirk Steudle, Rick Deuell, Bill McEntee, and Steve Warren; staff for this committee will be Ron Vibbert and Rick Lilly
- Education/Outreach: Carmine Palombo, Tom Wieczorek, and John Kolessar; staff for this committee will be Rick Lilly and Terry McNinch

The consensus of the Council was that there is a need for a concerted effort to inform local agencies of the law and the work of the Council. Chairman Palombo pointed out that each of the members need to take ownership of Council activities; if this is seen simply as an MDOT effort it has little chance of succeeding. Mr. Lilly noted that it is also important to allay concerns that this process will somehow affect funding levels for road agencies because this is not the case. The law made no change in the distribution formula and there is no intent to do so.

Public Comments

Mr. Lambert addressed the Council regarding the issue of data collection.

Mr. Lilly introduced Susan Mortel, Deputy Director of the Bureau of Transportation Planning, Michigan Department of Transportation, and Bill Tansil, Division Administrator of the Asset Management Division.

Ms. Mortel addressed the Council regarding the "Framework" program and suggested that a presentation be made to the Council on this program. Mr. Lilly indicated that at the December meeting he would bring a list of possible future presentations.

Adjournment

Chairman Palombo adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Executive Secretary